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Dr. Julius A. Stratton, President  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 Cambridge 32, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Stratton:

Repeating your request to be kept informed of any progress in the problem of "unidentified flying objects," this letter will bring you up to date.

Last December, the section of the Air Technical Intelligence Center charged with investigation of reports of sightings presented a status briefing at the Agency. Based upon the evidence presented, the subject was discussed at a December meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Committee (CIA, Army, Navy, Air Force, Joint Staff, State, SEC, and FBI). At that time it was recommended that CIA should assemble a panel of highly qualified personnel to examine the problem and its ramifications. Particular competency in the fields of physics, radar and astronomy was believed desirable.

We were fortunate to obtain the services of especially qualified men, I believe you will agree. Enclosed for your information are copies of the report submitted by the Panel and related material. We concur in the conclusions and recommendations of the Panel, and are forwarding the report to appropriate authorities. Since the problems related to this subject appear to be operational rather than intelligence in nature, we will be concerned only indirectly in the future. However, if there are any developments in which we believe you might be interested, we shall inform you. Specifically, knowledge of any interest of CIA in the subject of "flying saucers" has been carefully restricted, in view of probable misunderstanding if it were publicly known.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

[Signed] M. Marshall Chadwell  
 M. Marshall Chadwell  
 Assistant Director

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2. List of Personnel
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Minutes of OGI Advisory Group on Unidentified Flying Objects,  
15-17 January 1963

1. At your request I represented NAE Division at the subject meetings. I was present at nearly all meetings of the group with the exception of the afternoon of Friday, the 13th and the session on Saturday, the 17th. During the latter two sessions the Advisory Group went into executive session for the preparation of their report to AAFI.

2. The following OGI Consultants formed the Advisory Group:

Dr. H. R. Robertson, Chairman  
Dr. Sam Goldstein  
Dr. Louis Silvert  
Dr. Thornton Page (missed morning session on 15th)  
Dr. Lloyd Penner (present only on afternoon of 15th and 17)  
Dr. J. A. Lyne (an AAFI consultant - he sat in all the sessions after the first day, but did not sign the report to AAFI as an official group member)

3. The following OGI staff members attended:

Dr. H. H. Chatwell (rest of the first day only)  
Mr. F. G. Strong (first day only)  
Mr. F. C. Stewart (although not an OGI consultant, he functioned as a staff member for the conference and attended all sessions including the executive session)  
Mr. D. B. Stevenson, Response Division  
Mr. Col. F. G. L. Grier, 126 Division

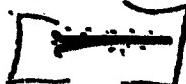
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4. The following persons were invited to present certain background information to the Advisory Group:

Captain Richard R. Yost, AFCE who presented information on the work of Project Bluebook (and its predecessors "Project", "Starbird", and "Spartan") and discussed in detail many of their specific investigations.

Major Johnson, AFCE (by now an insatiable status and with the AFCE Dept.) who presented Bluebook's involvement of AFCE, representatives of the Navy who spoke before AFCE who presented their analysis of files of a "Nightline".

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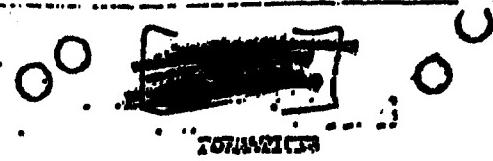
CHARGE TO O/SI ADVISORY GROUP ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. To review available evidence on unidentified flying objects and to consider possible dangers to national security related thereto.
2. To advise concerning the amount and kind of data necessary for a scientific evaluation of these phenomena.
3. In particular to comment on:
  - a. Validity of current CIA evaluation of related dangers.
  - b. Methodology and scope of current and planned ATIC investigation.
  - c. Advisability of further meetings of this group or further review of the subject by a larger panel.

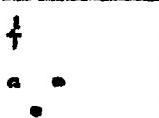
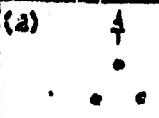
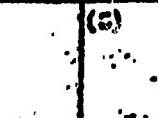
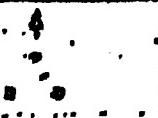
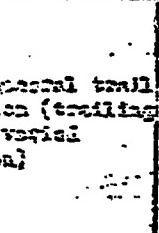
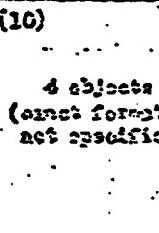
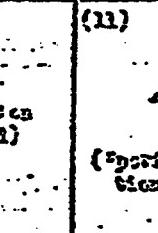
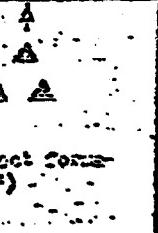
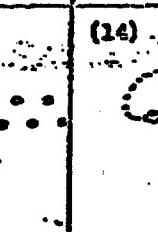
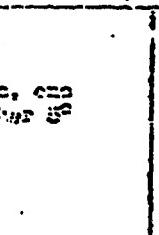
**POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS**

- A. Hysteria, hallucinations, hoaxes, etc. (Psychological)
- B. Misidentifications of conventional objects:
  - 1. Aircraft, missiles, searchlight reflections, etc. (man-made, controlled)
  - 2. Balloons, kites, etc. (man-made, uncontrolled)
  - 3. Birds, bugs, etc. (animal)
  - 4. Dust, seeds (e.g. dandelion), paper, etc. (foreign matter)
- C. Natural Phenomena:
  - 1. Light atmospheric reflections, refractions, etc.
  - 2. Anomalous radar propagation
  - 3. Ionization, static electricity, ball lightning, etc.
  - 4. Planets, meteors and other astronomical bodies.
  - 5. Others.
- D. Unconventional man-made devices:
  - 1. US
  - 2. USSR and other foreign
- E. Extraterrestrial origin
  - 1. Animal
  - 2. Machine

*Basis of info. Followup Proc  
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